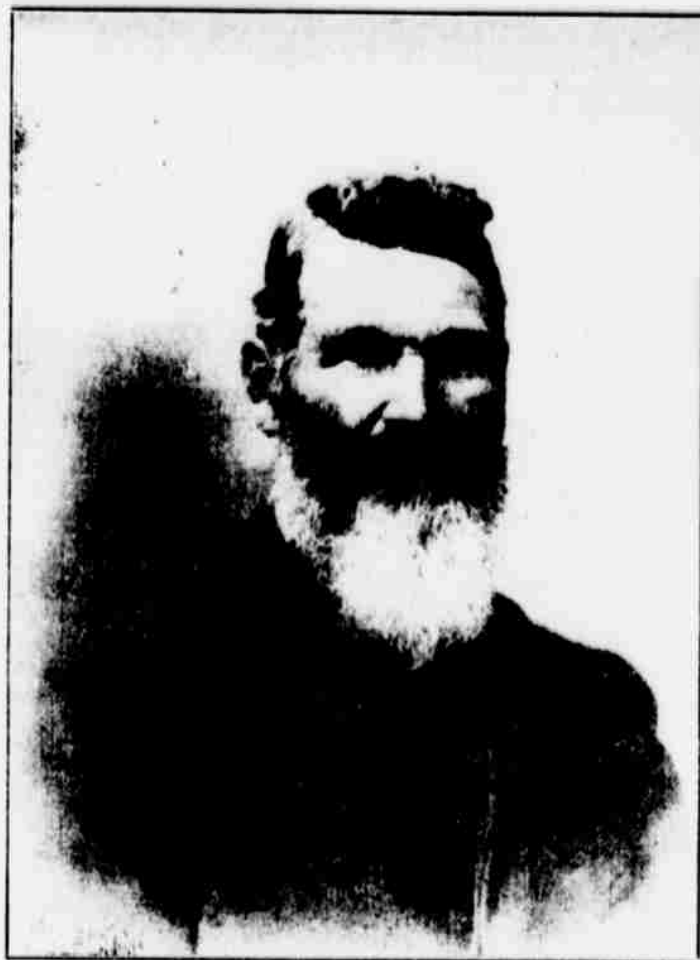


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FREEMAN LIBBY

WORK OF THE GRIM REAPER.

Death Claims Three Early Day Settlers of Holt County The Past Week.

Freeman Libby, for many years a resident of this county, and one who did as much as any other citizen ever living among us, for raising the standard of horse breeding, answered his final summons, dying suddenly from cerebral apoplexy, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Cox, at Maitland, on Thursday morning last, January 16th, 1913, in the 80th year of his age. He was of a sunny nature, big hearted and true, and one of the most companionable of men. He was a man of great energy and enterprise, and won and lost at times, always believing in the principle, "nothing ventured, nothing gained."

His stock breeding did not prove as profitable as expected, and he finally lost out. In 1891 he left Holt county and went to Oklahoma, then to Nebraska, Kansas, making his home with a daughter; then to Bozeman, Montana, where he resided with his sons, Bob and Fred. For the past two years he has been making his home in this county, with his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Cox, of Maitland, and son-in-law, Willie Glenn, of Hickory township.

He was born in Bangor, Maine, June 24, 1824, and died January 16th, 1913, in the 89th year of his age, and up to his death, was apparently in as good health and active as when he left here some 18 years ago. He helped to build the old Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad in 1868, as a contractor. He then went to Graham and bought horses and mules for the government during the early part of the war. He went to Atchison, Kansas, and laid the first twenty miles of track on what was then known as the Atchison & Pike's Peak railroad. With the late John Broder and Judge Sleppy, of St. Joseph, aided in the track laying of the old St. Joseph and Weston railroad, now the K. C., St. Joseph and Council Bluffs line. Mr. Libby took an active part when the Platte River bridge was burned during the civil war, and was one of the parties who aided in bringing to St. Joseph, the dead and injured.

When he was 15 years of age he went to sea, and for four years followed this calling, employed on vessels trading with the West Indies.

In 1850 he came west to Indiana, and was occupied in assisting to build the Ohio and Mississippi railroad through that state, and in 1857 he went to Kentucky and aided in building the Lexington and Big Sandy railroad. For a time he owned a livery stable in St. Joseph, and also conducted a hotel and livery in Maryville.

Mr. Libby first came to Holt county in the spring of 1865, and was in the livery business here, and hauled the printing outfit to Oregon from Forest City, which constituted THE SENTINEL plant, it being shipped by Chas. W. Bowman from St. Louis and came by steamboat. He was one of the very first to become a subscriber to THE SENTINEL and subscribed quite liberally to help establish this paper. He resided in the property now known

ward Medical college of Boston. He began his practice at his home in Ohio in 1848. He then took a course at the University Medical college, of New York, and the Detmold Practical School of Medicine and graduated from these in 1850.

He was also one of the oldest graduates of Harvard University Medical School and of the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia. He was present at the first surgical operation, in which chloroform was used for an anesthetic, to be performed in the United States. For many years he was an assistant of Dr. Wendell Holmes, a prominent surgeon, of Boston, Mass., who afterward became America's great poet.

Doctor Lehmer wore a ring that had been sent him after the Civil War by a young Virginian, who had been severely wounded and whose life he was instrumental in saving, at the battle of Gettysburg. Doctor Lehmer was in charge of the field hospital for Perrett's men at Gettysburg, and he directed the medical work for both Stannard's and Perrett's men at Cemetery Ridge.

In 1851 he came west, and located in Oregon, where he practiced his profession, and when the civil war came on he went east, and then returned to Oregon, sometime in 1861, and continued in active practice until 1872. His health becoming impaired he discontinued all except his office practice. It is said that he never asked a patient for his pay for his services, and did a vast amount of work, with the result that he died a comparatively poor man.

In 1870 he opened a drug store in a little frame building on the lot occupied by the Farmers' telephone office. In the fire of August 6, 1877, which destroyed the north side business block, Dr. Lehmer lost his store building and stock, but he immediately rebuilt, and continued in business for many years. He finally retired from business, and continued an office practice, and some 12 years ago, he and wife removed to St. Joseph, where he has since lived in retirement.

His wife was formerly Susan C. Dumm, and she died February 5th, 1907. He is survived by a brother, Jonas Lehmer, of Long Beach, California, and five nieces, Mrs. D. W. Porter, of Mound City; Mrs. Emil Weber, of Forest City; Mrs. Agnes Frodsham, of Savannah; Mrs. Mabel Lynds and Miss Lillian Lehmer, of Long Beach, California; and two nephews, George Lehmer and Edwin A. Welby, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Sol Lehmer, of Oregon. He is also survived by five grand nieces, Mrs. Charles Geiger, of St. Joseph; and a daughter of Mrs. Lynds, and three daughters of Mrs. Frodsham's; and three grand nephews: Lawrence, son of George Lehmer; a son of Mrs. Lynds; and a son of Mrs. Frodsham's and a great grand nephew, a son of the latter.

His brother, Jacob, died in our city, December 7, 1907, at the age of 70; his sister, Kate, died March 8, 1911, age 70; his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Zook, died September 28, 1908, age 80; his brother, Solomon, died January 16, 1895, age 67; a brother, George, died at New Philadelphia, Ohio, June 12, 1908, and had reached his 77th milestone.

He was a life long member of the Lutheran church, and Rev. Geo. Murphy, of this church, of St. Joseph, conducted the funeral services from the Heaton-Begole's chapel, Friday last, 17th inst., the interment being beside his wife in Mount Mora cemetery.

His life and death were significant, in that they bring to the public mind once more the conviction that goodness and integrity are not a fine art, but an equipment which comes with a frank and sincere outlook upon the average things which make up the common day. His one fault, if it can be called such, was excessive diffidence, which obscured his merit, and placed him in the position of a follower, when he should have been a leader. But he cared not for the plaudits of the multitude, and was content with the approval of his own conscience and the approbation of the God whom he loved and served. He was master of his own mind and passions, and as such was enabled to stand serene and unafraid in the face of any condition or circumstance.

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Newspapers which published a little item a week ago about there being \$34.72 for every man, woman and child tucked away in the Treasury Department vaults—that amount being the per capita division of the reserve now held by the Treasury—were responsible for a deluge of letters received by the Director of the Mint. The writers all asked the Director to send them their \$34.72. One man specified that this amount should be sent in \$1 bills and pennies.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

The 47th General Assembly Now in Working Order—Committees Named.

Wednesday last, Speaker Hull, of the House, announced the various committees, and Representative Swope, of this county, was placed on the Railroad and Internal Improvements committee; on Constitutional Amendments, Clerical Force, and Justices of the Peace; the three former being important committees.

The demands for revenue for this biennial period for the state departments and the educational, eleemosynary and penal institutions exceed the estimated available revenue more than \$2,000,000. The demands aggregate \$12,000,000. The revenue will not exceed \$10,000,000.

Eighty-one bills were introduced Wednesday and Thursday in the House, among the more important were:

By Representative Phelps: Administration bill creating a State Public Service Commission.

By Representative Swearingen: Railroad and Warehouse Commission public utilities bill, providing that all of the duties contemplated in the administration shall be done by the commission, and thereby diminish the chances for the abolition of the commission.

By Representative Wolf: Bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in clubs without dramshop licenses in less than three-gallon quantities. Bill providing for eight-hour working law in plateglass works.

By Representative Tyler: Bill providing for full crews on all passenger and freight trains.

By Representative Snodgrass: Bill abolishing position of state game and fish commissioner.

By Representative Turley: Bill providing for the registration of samples of all seeds to be sold in the state, with a view of abating the noxious weed nuisance.

By Representative Thicker: Bill providing for the election of road overseers.

By Representative Haskins: Bill providing that ministers must register credentials or licenses before performing marriage ceremonies.

By Representative McCarthy: Bill appropriating \$100,000 for Missouri exhibit at Panama-Pacific International Exposition and providing for a committee of three to arrange for the exhibit.

By Representative Sullivan: Bill providing a fine of \$100 for persons who fraudulently procure board or lodging.

By Representative Bowers: Bill enabling abandoned children to be supported from property of father.

By Representative Fields: Bill providing that road districts, too poor for own support, may be attached to other districts.

By Representative Thicke: Bill providing that interest of husband in income of deceased wife's real estate shall be only one-third for life.

By Representative Brydon: Bill raising poll tax maximum to \$6.

By Representative Remmers: Bill invalidating common law marriages. Also a bill prohibiting the unscrupulous solicitation of legal business, commonly referred to as "ambulance chasing."

By Representative Houck: Bill prohibiting false advertising.

By Representative Wiley: Bill providing for better telephone and telegraph facilities.

By Representative Harris: Bill providing for joint high school for two or more townships of a county.

Making it a felony for a nonvoter to sign an initiative or referendum petition.

Repealing the collateral inheritance tax.

Senator Wilson reintroduced his quail measure, defeated at the last session. It provides that no quail shall be killed or captured for five years. Wilson said he had received reports from all over the state which indicate quail are becoming scarce.

Senator Casey introduced a game bill which would permit the killing of ducks from August 1 instead of September 15, until May 1 of the following year. No change is made in the close of the season.

A proposed constitutional amendment to simplify criminal legal procedure as outlined in the inaugural address of Gov. Elliott W. Major is provided for in a joint and concurrent resolution introduced by Senator Hawkins, of Greene county.

By Senator White: Bill prohibiting the sale of bogus passenger tickets and requiring railroads to issue certificates of authority to all persons

authorized to sell tickets.

By Senator Hawkins, of Greene: Providing for the installation of alarm gongs on all sleeping floors of hotels.

By Senator Greene: Bill providing for assignment of circuit judges from one circuit to another.

By Senator Dunwoody: Bulk sales bill providing that due notice shall be given creditors by retail merchants who plan sale of their stocks.

By Senator Hawkins, Dunklin: Bill providing that petit and grand jurors shall receive \$3 a day instead of \$2. Also a bill providing for an examination of books of all state institutions under direction of state auditor and the installation of a uniform system of bookkeeping.

By Senator Cates: Bill providing that corporations shall pay discharged employees immediately after dismissal.

By Senator Dunwoody: Bill providing for the protection of bankers from the issuance of fraudulent bills of lading.

By Senator Carter: Bill providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote.

White: Requiring railroad companies to return money paid for tickets if claim is presented within 90 days. Busby: Joint and concurrent resolution prohibiting the application of the initiative to questions of taxation.

Joint and concurrent resolution providing for the submission of whether or not the State shall have a new Constitution.

Lysaght: A series of five bills providing that deeds may be photographed before they are recorded.

Rodgers: Requiring rail corporations doing business in Missouri to incorporate in the State.

Craig: Requiring all local option in counties to be submitted as a unit.

Russell: Kneisley, of Carrollton, elected from the Second Congressional District, was chosen as messenger to carry Missouri's eighteen electoral votes to Washington. Since this post is one of considerable honor, a comfortable per diem and mileage, several of the electors tried to land the plum. The electors met on the 13th, and after selecting the messenger, adopted a resolution condemning President Taft for putting all fourth-class postmasters under civil service. While this was going on at Jefferson City, the lower House of Congress by a vote of 146 to 101 endorsed President Taft's order. 29 Democrats voting with the Republicans to sustain the President's order.

The Republicans of the senate state a march on the Democrats by introducing a presidential preference primary bill something the Democrats had been planning to do, but they were too slow. It was introduced by Senator James E. Ford, of Trenton, Republican, and has the approval of the Republican caucus.

The SENTINEL extends its heartfelt congratulations to Robert L. Minton and his bride. The lucky lady was Miss Eleanor Genevieve Brier, of Ferguson, Missouri, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents, in Ferguson, Wednesday, of last week, January 15. It is a culmination of school days at the Kirksville Normal. She is a graduate also of the Chicago University, and taught in the public schools of St. Louis. The groom we all know as one of the bright young attorneys of Northwest Missouri, and a son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Minton, of Fortescue. They are enjoying their wedding trip in the Southland.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Fine Country Charge Maintained by German Settlement, Southwest of Craig.

We doubt if there is in any part of the state a church or an institution whose purpose is the uplifting and the bettering of mankind, whose membership is any more closely united or who have won the confidence and respect of the people of the entire community than that of the St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, situated three miles west and one-half mile south of Craig. The official title is the German Evangelical Church, Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states.

The church was first organized in 1870 and for a number of years the membership worshipped at Corning, where the church was very ably presided over by Rev. C. F. W. Scholz, of Sevier, Ill.

In August, 1881, the membership living west of Craig, decided to withdraw from the Corning congregation and form a church of their own. Accordingly on the date named a meeting was held at the school house near where the church now stands, and the following enrolled their names as charter members of the new church: Albert Asendorf, Thomas Rahmsdeler, Henry Dimeck, Wm. Ideker, Conrad Ideker, Henry Harms, Harmon Ohlenschelen, H. Vollmers, M. Tammann, Geo. Wiemer, Henry Doebbeling, Henry Stuenkel, F. Tammann, Anton Miller, Fritz Ermsing, Henry Thurnau, Frederick Heine, Fritz Nordloh, Geo. Haer, E. Mulhansen, Carl Wellman.

Of the above membership, many have moved to Nebraska, Oklahoma and other states, but all are living so far as known, with the exception of the four last named, who passed on to the other life several years ago.

Albert Asendorf filled the position of secretary in a very able manner from 1880 to 1901.

At the expiration of the time of Rev. Scholz, in 1890, Rev. C. H. Lentzsch was engaged. He came here from Nebraska, and remained with them until his death in June, 1900. He was a man that was highly respected by those who were not members of his church, as well as by the members, and under his ministry the church grew rapidly.

From the time the church was organized in 1870 to 1890, the regular services were held in the school house, near the present site of the church, but in the latter year the members decided that a new church building was needed, and from that decision came their present large and commodious structure, 62x52 feet, with all the necessary furnishings to complete it as a house of worship.

In November 1910, Rev. P. T. Schmidt, of Arkansas, was engaged as pastor, and he still holds that position, having the confidence and respect of the entire membership, as well as those who are not members.

We are under many obligations to Wm. Stuenkel, their very efficient and accommodating secretary, for much of the information from which this article is written.

The church is in a healthy, growing condition, and each member acts as if the success of the work depended on their individual efforts, which is the proper spirit, whether one be engaged in church work, or in worldly pursuits.

Services are held each Sunday in German and English, all of which are well attended.

The following are the active or business members of the church:

Wm. Ideker, Henry Stuenkel, E. N. Doebbeling, Frederick Ideker, Conrad Ideker, Wm. Drees, Fritz Ermsing, Heine, Vollmers, William Stuenkel, J. H. Thurnau, Wm. Wellman, Frederick Heine, Harmon Ohlenschelen, Wm. Rathjens, August Heine, Henry Theas, Geo. Kramer, Henry Nordloh, Emmett Haer, Henry Rebel, Henry Heine, Herman Musch, Otto Bierman, Edward Ideker, Henry Voltmer, Geo. Voltmer, Henry Helfers, Edward Thurnau, Andrew Haer, Fred Heine, F. D. Ideker, Craig Leader.



DR. M. LEHMER
Taken when a young man.

his parents to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood days on the farm, and took a common school education. He studied at the Wittenburg, Ohio, college; and with Dr. Winford, of Springfield, Ohio, and took his final course, at the Har-

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